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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DIAGNOSTIC METHOD FOR DISEASES BY SCREENING FOR HEPCIDIN IN HUMAN OR ANIMAL TISSUES, BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS  
AND THERAPEUTIC USES THEREFOR

(Title of the Invention)

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